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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Reginald L. Alexander

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-10 and 17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims 6-10 and 17 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in the paper filed 10 October 2006. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2002-57012 (Lee) or WO 92/10100 in view of Maeda et al.

There is disclosed in Lee a bread making device, comprising: a main body forming an oven compartment; upper and lower kneading drums 11, 13 spaced apart from each other inside the oven compartment, each drum having a holding element for holding opposite ends of a mixing bag 7 filled with dough; a drum driver; a rotation sensor 30, 41, 50, 61, including a disk and disk sensor; and a controller 70 for controlling the drum driver to unwind and wind the mixing bag from the upper and lower kneading drums.

There is disclosed in WO 92/10100 a bread making device, comprising: a main body forming an oven compartment 212; upper and lower kneading drums 230, 232

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spaced apart from each other inside the oven compartment, each drum having a holding element for holding opposite ends of a mixing bag 100 filled with dough; a drum driver; a rotation sensing part 270; a controller (programmable microprocessor) for controlling the drum driver to unwind and wind the mixing bag from the upper and lower kneading drums.

Maeda, discloses that it is known in the art to provide a stop (cancel) button in association with a control unit for a bread making device.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the device of Lee or W)/92/10100 with the stop button provided in Maeda, in order to allow stoppage of the device at the demand of the user for various reason.

In regards to the control of the device and the operational steps involved therein, it should be noted that the programmable nature of the controller would allow one skilled in the art to operate the device as deemed necessary. The operational steps of the device are not structurally limiting. The structural limitations of the claims have been met by the prior art.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 05 March 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the use of functional language is permitted and is distinguishing over the prior art, provided that Applicant can prove the prior art does not possess the relied upon functional feature.

The controller claimed by applicant has a series of programmed features (functions), each determined by an individual and capable of being changed by that

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individual. Thus, the structural limitation of a "controller" can be met by any programmable device which is capable of performing the desired function of an individual doing the programming. The function of the controller itself, does not, in use with other elements of an apparatus, structurally define that apparatus over prior art disclosing a controller of structural equivalence.

Applicant argues that the Maeda reference fails to disclose the claimed feature of a controller. It is not Maeda which is relied upon by the Examiner to teach the controller. The teaching of Maeda is that of a stop button for providing a user to immediately stop a bread making function.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

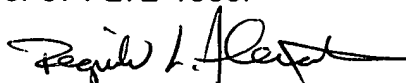
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reginald L. Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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06 April 2007


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